Nanosatellites - 3U Cubesat

General Description

- Triple cube (3U: 10 x 10 x 35 cm) autonomous spacecraft
- 4W power
- 5 kg total satellite mass
- · Magnets for passive attitude control
- Communications systems (C&DH radio + beacon)
- · Internal pressurized volume
- · Launched as secondary payload

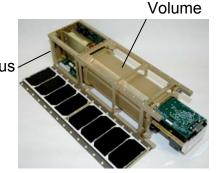


GeneSat-1

- Pressurized volume
- Fine temperature regulation (+/- 0.5°C)
- Well plate format for biology management
- Fluorescent detector(s)
- Light scattering sensor(s)
- Launched December 2006



GeneSat-1 Sample Card

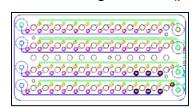


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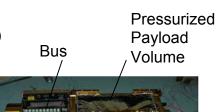
Payload

Pharmasat

- Pressurized volume (larger than GeneSat-1)
- Fine temperature regulation (+/- 0.5°C)
- Well plate format for biology management (48 wells)
- Luminescence detector(s)
- Light scattering sensor(s)
- Launch: August 2008 (planned)



Pharmasat Sample Card



Optional Configurations

- Unpressurized (exposed) payload volumes
- Articulated solar panels increased power
- Alternative attitude control techniques i.e., gravity gradient
- Micropropulsion
- · Higher bandwidth downlink imaging
- · Different sample cards/fluidics
- Alternate optical sensor types